

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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YEAR OF TAMIL LANGUAGE
SU THIRUNAVUKKARASAR

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to consider the proposal of Tamil Nadu to declare this year as the 'year of the Tamil Language'; and

(b) if so, the details of schemes and allocation of funds made for the purpose.

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL)

(a) to (b): The primary responsibility for the development of the regional languages lies with the State Governments concerned. Keeping this in view, the State Government may declare a regional language spoken by its people as year of that language. Central Government implements a number of schemes for the promotion of Indian Languages. National Book Trust, an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Human Resource Development is bringing out a special edition of 'Thirukural' during the year 2000. The University Grants Commission also provides assistance to Tamil University teachers for undertaking research in Tamil.